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Our Case No.: 10000/232

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Reydel et al.

Serial No.: 10/692,310

Filing Date: October 22, 2003

For: INTRODUCER APPARATUS WITH
EVERSIBLE SLEEVE

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To be assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
3,421,509	1/1969	Fiore
3,583,391	6/1971	Cox et al.
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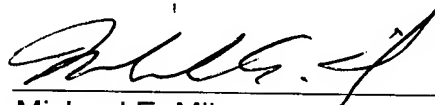
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/847, 494, filed May 2, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 09/847, 494 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

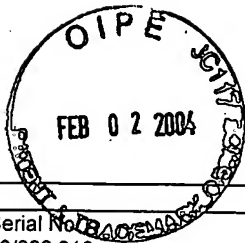
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Respectfully submitted,

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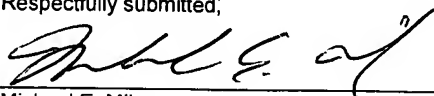
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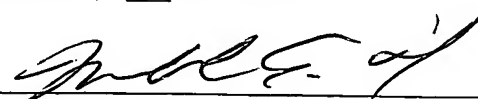
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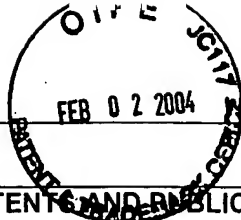
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